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TAGS: CGEN (COHEN, HAIM)

SUBJECT: REPORTED DETENTION OF MR. HAIM COHEN

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

1. CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT MR. HAIM COHEN, A GREEK RPT GREEK NATIONAL CREWMAN FROM THE SS KARIN, WAS SEIZED BY IRAQI GOVERNMENT ON JULY 29 WHEN SHIP ENTERED PORT OF BASRA. HIS FAMILY IN U.S. WHO APPARENTLY CONTACTED BIAGGI'S OFFICE, HAS NOT HEARD FROM COHEN SINCE THEN AND IS CONCERNED FOR HIS WELFARE. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CONDITION, WHY HE IS BEING HELD, AND WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL BE RELEASED. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM SENATOR JAVITS' OFFICE.

2. YOU SHOULD CHECK IN FIRST INSTANCE WITH GREEK EMBASSY CONCERNING COHEN'S STATUS. IF THEY DO NOT KNOW AND ARE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO LOOK INTO IT, ARE THERE OTHER CHANNELS AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR THIS PURPOSE? KISSINGER

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